

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object to allow an output apparatus to  
certainly recognize an error when the error occurs at  
the time of a data transfer using an upper layer (IEEE  
5 1284.4). In a communication system in which an  
information processing apparatus and an output  
apparatus can communicate data by using an interface  
constructed by the upper layer (IEEE 1284.4) and a  
lower layer (IEEE 1284), when the information  
10 processing apparatus detects an error at the time of a  
data communication using the upper layer, a  
predetermined command (device ID request) specified in  
the lower layer is used in order to allow the output  
apparatus to recognize the occurrence of the error.